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For : TREATMENT TOOL FOR ENDOSCOPE HAVING END EFFECTOR
OPERATING LIKE PINCERS

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of August 10, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on November 10, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the hereincontained amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this Response.